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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In the specification:

Page 1, the first two lines are rewritten as :

“Patent Application of
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Page 9, the first line has been rewritten as:

“Electrospinning Controlled Polymer Fibril Matrices”

Page 12, line 9 “(m)” has been deleted; at line 22, --“—has been inserted before “A”; at line 24, --“—has been inserted after “Fibers”; at line 26, “--Currently Pending” has been deleted and replaced with --11/000,723—

Page 13, line 10, “pending” has been changed to --11/004,149--

In the claims

Claim 1, line 22, after “desired pattern”, --during electrospinning—has been inserted; line 26, after “mat, “, “and” has been deleted; line 30, after “contact lens, “, --and— has been inserted; line 32, the occurrence of “ ..” at the end of the line has been deleted

Claims 8 and 9, lines 2-3, the recitation “for having an alternating... 12,000 volts” has been deleted

Claim 13, line 20, after “precision positioner”, --during electrospinning, -- has been inserted; line 24, at the end of the line, “and,” has been changed to --, and –

Claim 14, line 22, after “precision positioner”, --during electrospinning, -- has been inserted; line 26, at the end of the line, “and” has been deleted; line 35, after “deposited”, --, and – has been inserted

2. Authorization for this examiner’s amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Kirk on March 14, 2009.

3. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance: The instant claims are submitted to be allowable over the prior art in that such art does not disclose, teach or suggest the overall aspects of forming a transparent contact lens from a mat of electrospun strands by moving the needle and target in the manner prescribed to obtain a desired pattern in one axis and then rotating the target 90 degrees and repeating the motion in conjunction with alternating the output voltage of the power supply during the

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electrospinning to prevent charge buildup on the fibers to form the transparent contact lens.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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